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FOR: CU/NEA - METELITS

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SUBJECT: MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT ON ENERGY ECONOMICS

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1. EMBASSY WISHES MAKE TWO LATE NOMINATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN ENERGY ECONOMICS SEMINAR. GIVEN PAUCITY OF OUR PREVIOUS NOMINATIONS FOR CU PROGRAMS, HOPE DEPARTMENT WILL SUPPORT THIS LATE EFFORT WHICH HAS BEEN DUE TO EMBASSY STAFF-CHANGEOVERS AND ABSENCE OF SAUDI OFFICIALS DURING PAST THREE WEEKS.

2. FIRST NOMINEE IS FAROUK HUSSEINI, CHIEF ECONOMIST, MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, RIYADH AND FORMER CHIEF OF THE ECONOMIC DEPT. OF OPEC. ALTHOUGH HE MAY ONLY BE ABLE TO SPEND TWO WEEKS PARTICIPATING IN PROJECT, EMBASSY CONSIDERS HIM EXCELLENT NOMINATION FOR RATHER OBVIOUS REASONS AND WILL ENCOURAGE HIM TO PARTICIPATE IN WASHINGTON PORTION OF PROGRAM SINCE IT SEEMS MOST APPROPRIATE GIVEN THE TIME HE HAS AVAILABLE. ADDITIONAL BIO INFORMATION AND PROGRAM INTERESTS WILL FOLLOW AFTER WE RECEIVE CONFIRMATION HE CAN BE INCLUDED IN PROJECT.

3. SECOND NOMINEE, IS DR. MARWAN KAMAL, DEAN OF
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SCIENCES AT NEW UNIVERSITY OF PETROLEUM AND MINING,

YO WILL BE IN U.S. ON SABBATICAL SHORTLY. KAMAL IS CONSIDERED BEST INFORMED UPM FACULTY MEMBER ON ENERGY MATTERS AND IS EXPECTED TO PLAY SIGNIFICANT FUTURE ROLE IN UPM'S ENERGY RESEARCH PROGRAM. SINCE KAMAL IS PALESTINIAN, CU MAY BE ABLE TO FUND HIM UNDER SPECIAL PROGRAM AS IS DONE WITH EDUCATIONAL GRANTS FOR PALESTINIANS. IF KAMAL IS ACCEPTABLE, PLEASE ADVISE US AND CONGEN DHAHRAN WHOM HE SHOULD CONTACT IN U.S. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS AS HE EXPECTED TO LEAVE FOR U.S. WITHIN FEW DAYS.

4. IT IS EXPECTED THAT HUSSEINI WILL HAVE HIS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL PROVIDED, AS WILL KAMAL, BUT DEPT. SHOULD BE PREPARED TO HANDLE INTERNAL TRAVEL AND PERDIEM COSTS FOR BOTH PARTMDIPANTS.

5. FOR DHAHRAN: OBTAIN U.S. CONTACT ADDRESS AND U.S. PHONE NUMBER FROM KAMAL BEFORE DEPARTURE SO DEPT. MAY REACH HIM IN U.S. IF HE ACCEPTED.
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